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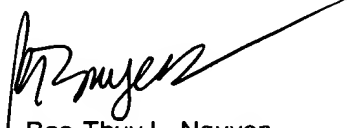
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A supplemental Examiner's Amendment is attached to correct the record as per the conversation with Ms. Woodburn on January 10, 2006.

  
Bao-Thuy L. Nguyen  
Primary Examiner  
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### SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jill Woodburn on January 10, 2006.

2. In the Specification:

Replaced the abstract of the disclosure in the Examiner's Amendment (dated 11/03/2005) with the following abstract:


An element is provided for the determination of an analyte by a specific binding reaction of two bioaffine binding partners. The element enables liquid transport between a sample application zone and a detection zone downstream thereof as well as a zone containing immobilized analyte or analyte analogue between the sample application and detection zones. An impregnated conjugate 1 is located upstream of the zone containing immobilized analyte or analyte analogue that can be detached by liquid and includes a bioaffine binding partner 1 capable of a specific binding reaction with the analyte and a low molecular organic molecule detectable label 1. A universal conjugate 2 is upstream of the zone containing immobilized analyte or analyte analogue which can also be detached by liquid and is composed of a bioaffine binding partner 2

capable of a specific binding reaction with the detectable label 1 and a visually detectable label 2.

3. Replaced the title of the application with the following: -Element, Method and Kit for the Determination of an Analyte in a Liquid--.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bao-Thuy L. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-0824. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long V. Le can be reached on (571) 272-0823. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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